I-5 / Everett HOV Design-Build Project

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Appendix P2
Section 401 Clean Water Act –
Letter of Verification

Addendum #4:

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RE:

Water Quality Certification Letter of Verification (LOV) for Nationwide Permit (NWP) #18 and Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Consistency Response for Corps Permit # 200401448 for I-5 Everett HOV, SR 526 to SR 2 in Snohomish County.

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' letter dated January 24, 2005 approving coverage under a Nationwide Permit #18 for I-5 Everett HOV, SR 526 to SR 2. The proposed work entails constructing northbound and southbound HOV lanes along I-5 within incorporated Everett. Other work includes constructing a treatment wetland and reconstructing a stormwater outfall near the Snohomish River. The project site is located on I-5 between SR 526 and SR 2 and the constructed treatment wetland is located adjacent to the Snohomish River in the town of Lowell, in Snohomish County.

Upon review, Department of Ecology has determined that the project meets the 401 Water Quality Certification conditions and the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZM) consistency for NWP #18. An individual 401 Certification will not be needed for this project.

Please note this Letter of Verification does not exempt, and is provisional upon compliance with other statutes and codes administered by federal, state and local agencies.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 407-7298 or at (425) 649-7181. Written comments can be sent to my attention at the Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia WA 98504-7600.

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